

## RAG Rating for Britain 1951-1997

Topic	RAG	Topic Content	Exam Questions (All worth 20 marks)
Conservative domination 1951-64		Reasons for the Conservative victory 1951; social changes, immigration, unrest, social mobility and tensions, education; living standards, housing, prosperity and unemployment; Conservative economic policies, Butskellism, industrial growth and stagflation; Conservative leadership of Churchill, Eden, Macmillan and Home; scandals including the Vassall affair, Philby, Argyll and Profumo; reasons for Conservative decline; Labour leadership, divisions and electoral failures of the Labour Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Assess the reasons for Conservative dominance 1951-64.</i></li> <li>• <i>'The most important reason for Conservative dominance in the period 1951-64 was the improvement in the standard of living.' How far do you agree?</i></li> <li>• <i>Assess the reasons why Labour lost three elections in the period from 1951-64.</i></li> <li>• <i>'The scandals of 1963 were the most important reason for the Conservative defeat in 1964'. How far do you agree?</i></li> </ul>
Labour and Conservative governments 1964-1979		Labour victory 1964, Wilson as leader 1964–1970; economic problems and policies; relations with the Trade Unions; Labour party divisions; 1970 election, Heath as party leader and Prime Minister; aims and policies of Heath's government; industrial relations, miners' strike; Wilson and Callaghan 1974–1979, problems and policies 1974–1979.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Assess the reasons for the fall of Edward Heath's government in 1974.</i></li> <li>• <i>How successful were the economic policies of the Labour governments of 1964-70 and 1974-79?</i></li> <li>• <i>'Britain failed to modernise under the Labour and Conservative governments 1964-1979' How far do you agree?</i></li> <li>• <i>Assess the reasons for Labour's election victory in 1964.</i></li> <li>• <i>'Failure to improve industrial relations was the main reason for the failure of Labour and Conservative governments between 1964 and 1979' How far do you agree?</i></li> </ul>
Thatcher and the end of consensus 1979-1997		Election victories; Thatcher and her ministers; reasons for support and opposition; economic policies including monetarism, free-market, supply-side economics and privatisation; social policies and unrest; unemployment and the Trade Unions, the Miners' Strike; fall of Thatcher and replacement with Major; Conservative divisions under Major and electoral defeat 1997.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>'The most important reason for Conservative political domination 1979-1997 was the weakness of Labour.' How far do you agree?</i></li> <li>• <i>'Divisions in the party was the main reason why the Conservatives lost the 1997 general election' How far do you agree?</i></li> <li>• <i>'The most important reason for Thatcher's election victories was that her opponents were divided.' How far do you agree with this view?</i></li> <li>• <i>To what extent did Conservative divisions over Europe cause Thatcher to fall from power in 1990?</i></li> <li>• <i>To what extent was Britain economically stronger in 1990 than it had been in 1979?</i></li> </ul>

<p>Britain's position in the world 1951-1997</p>		<p>Relations with and policies towards the USA, and the USSR; Britain's influence at the UN; role in Europe; nuclear policy; response to crises: Korean War, Suez, the Falklands War, First Gulf War; decolonisation and changing attitudes to the Commonwealth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>How successfully did Britain deal with the problems of decolonisation and the changing nature of the Commonwealth?</i></li> <li>● <i>Assess the reasons for the changing attitudes of British governments towards Europe in the period from 1951 to 1997.</i></li> <li>● <i>To what extent do you agree that the British responded skillfully to the crises of the period 1951 to 1997?</i></li> <li>● <i>To what extent do you agree that Anglo-American relations were more friendly in the 1980s and 1990s than they were in the period from 1950 to 1980?</i></li> <li>● <i>'Economic weakness was the main reason why Britain decolonised' How far do you agree?</i></li> <li>● <i>Assess the reasons why Britain joined the EEC in 1972.</i></li> <li>● <i>'Britain's relationship with Europe was always controversial in the period from 1945-1997.'</i> How far do you agree?</li> <li>● <i>'British influence in international affairs was always limited in the period after the Second World War.'</i> How far do you agree?</li> </ul>
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**My Revision checklist** - prioritise which **specific** topics need the most revision (try and break it down. E.g. don't just say Churchill, is it his views on India? Or relationship with Generals?)